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Applicant:

Guheen et al.

Examiner:

Thomas A. Dixon

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SYSTEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR

BUILDING, MANAGING, AND SUPPORTING VARIOUS

COMPONENTS OF A SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

follows:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2001, Applicant responds as

## Remarks

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 10-15, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and claims 7, 9, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.